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Bus shelter glass smashed by vandals

DANNY BOBBE

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As Hallie Toews left her statistics class and walked toward the bus stop for a ride home, she noticed something unusual.

"I was going to walk around the glass like I always do, but instead I walked right through it," said Toews, a UM senior studying geography.

That's because vandals had shattered the panel of glass, which had once been a wall of the bus shelter, in the night. It was one of four bus shelters to be attacked in a similar fashion on Sunday night.

Capt. Jim Lemcke, with the Office of Public Safety, said a small projectile, possibly a pellet gun, could be responsible for the damage.

The damaged bus shelters are located on Campus Drive next to Aber Hall, Arthur Avenue next to Miller Hall, on South Avenue and on Beckwith Avenue on the south side of campus.

According to Nancy Wilson, ASUM director of transportaion, the Office of Public Safety will pay to fix the shelters on Beckwith Avenue and Campus Drive. It was unclear whether Public Safety or Mountain Line would fix the one on Arthur Avenue.

Mountain Line could not be reached for comment.

Lemcke said each broken panel costs roughly \$100.

"It's money that could be spent somewhere else," he said.

Currently there are no suspects and no witnesses, Lemcke said.

UM proposes new plan for speech program

ERIN MADISON

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The Montana Speech-Language and Hearing Association has been trying for more than 15 years to get a speech-language pathology program in Montana, and now it's closer than ever to its goal, said MSHA President Laura Jo McKamey.

The University of Montana is planning to present to the Montana Board of Regents a proposal for such a program in January.

UM once had a communication disorders department, which was the only program in the state to train speech pathologists and audiologists, UM President George Dennison said in an earlier interview. But that program was cut due to funding scarcity in 1988.

Since then, Montana has had a shortage of speech pathologists, McKamey said.

"In January 2005, statewide, there were 23 unfilled positions," she told the Montana Board of Regents at its meeting earlier this month.

Montana is one of three states, the others being Alaska and Delaware, to not have speech pathology training programs, she said.

"The cost of bringing someone in (from out of state) is incredible," McKamey said.

Since UM used to have a speech pathology program, there are still some rooms in Corbin Hall that were designed for the program, said UM Provost Lois Muir.

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Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

Junior Maxine Miller is one of seven students who transferred to UM from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Because financial situations for some students from New Orleans schools have yet to be resolved, Miller has already paid to attend Tulane University and is expected to pay UM fees until the situation is fixed.

Money woes for Katrina victims

JACOB BAYNHAM

FOR THE KAIMIN

When Maxine Miller evacuated New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina began to pound the Louisiana coast, she wasn't terribly worried. Having been evacuated from hurricanes before, this Tulane University junior simply traveled across the Gulf Coast to a beach in Texas to wait out the storm.

By Sept. 6, however, when the gravity of the disaster became apparent, Miller stepped on a plane to Missoula, shouldering just one backpack full of shorts and tank tops.

A Hamilton, Mont. resident, Miller enrolled at the University of Montana for the semester. Already hit with the costs of plane tickets, hotel stays, clothes and \$500 worth of monthly rent payments for an uptown New Orleans apartment, Miller walked into a financial nightmare.

Before the hurricane hit, Miller had settled her bill of roughly \$20,000 at Tulane by way of a scholarship, a loan and out-of-pocket expense. But after enrolling at UM, Miller faced a deluge of new fees.

Initially housed in Miller Hall, residence rules forced her to buy a meal plan. When she later moved to a Lewis and Clark Village apartment, the deadline for canceling the plan had passed and she had to keep it.

Having enrolled in classes a week after they began, Miller said she now has a bill for late registration, in addition to UM tuition and fees — and a meal plan she doesn't need. She has taken out a loan with the intention of paying off the majority of her UM bill; a payment she has been told will be credited to her account at Tulane University. The rest

she will pay out-of-pocket and hope for reimbursement.

University of Montana financial aid director Mick Hanson, however, is urging the seven New Orleans students now at UM to remain calm.

"In no case will the student be expected to pay at both institutions," he said in a telephone interview from Helena. "Ultimately a student will not be in double jeopardy. Our campus is committed to serving the students of Hurricane Katrina."

Hanson said that although the University is dealing with these students' financial situations as efficiently as they can, the Department of Education has been slow to move funds. He explained that the system is built so that a student can't have a loan at two different universities.

"The Department of Education could have had a better policy in place before a disaster happens," Hanson said, "but for now we've just told the students to go to class, and not worry about the finances."

But Miller and several other students are finding their financial worries are not easily avoided.

Trent Henning, a sophomore at the University of New Orleans, came to UM in early September after Katrina shut down his school. His mother's Parent Plus Loan, however, has been slow to follow.

Henning has been surviving for two months on just the money his mother sends him and what he earns from his job as a janitor in the Liberal Arts building.

Henning said the UM Financial Aid Office has been unhelpful in relieving his situation.

"They kept telling me (the loan) would

come in one week, and it wouldn't come," he said. "I kind of had to get an attitude to get anything done."

Last week the Financial Aid Office referred Henning to a loan specialist who told him the money should be in this Thursday. Henning is cautiously optimistic about its arrival.

"We'll know on Thursday," he said, "which is good, because the semester is nearly over."

Not all of the New Orleans transfer students are facing the same financial pressures, however. Four of the seven students from New Orleans are law students and are experiencing slightly different treatment.

All American Bar Association-accredited law schools nationwide are accepting law students from New Orleans at no charge, said Heidi Fanslow, the UM School of Law's director of admissions.

"If they have paid (their New Orleans schools) they won't pay here," Fanslow said.

Fanslow attributes the law school's policy to the smaller number of affected students and a general camaraderie with fellow law schools.

Mick Hanson said the law school is able to act differently because the school constitutes a smaller, more tightly knit cluster of students.

"They are a more protected group of people," he said.

Peter Dee is one such law student that came to the University of Montana with his girlfriend Susan Lee on Sept. 10. Both were law students at Tulane University. Dee and Lee finally saw their loans come through two weeks ago.

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EDITORIAL**Biking resolution extreme but necessary**

You can't write a ticket for a violation of manners.

In a letter published in today's Montana Kaimin, ASUM Sen. Jake Pipinich puts his money where many students' mouths are. Pipinich has decided to take on widespread griping about cyclists on campus, some of it on these pages, and propose a change.

What Pipinich wants to do is make the University of Montana savvy with the rest of Missoula, where sidewalks are designated for those on foot, rather than on two wheels.

This town is, if nothing else, bicycle friendly. There is at least one bike for every 3 or 4 Subarus on the road and bike lanes, routes and signs galore. Unfortunately, Missoula, and more specifically this campus, is not always full of friendly bicyclists.

People ride too fast on too narrow of walkways through too large of crowds and from time to time someone gets hit. A chatty Cathy on a cell phone takes a tire to the back of the leg and a cyclist finds himself catapulting over the handlebars, neither too sure of how they arrived in such an uncomfortable location.

Pipinich's resolution seems extreme, but he did not write it to get people's attention, he wrote it so ASUM could put some leverage on Public Safety to make it a reality.

"People have really strong issues on both sides of this resolution," he said.

And well they should.

Biking is far preferable to driving, though the (cycle) parking situation is only slightly better. Students don't want to be told how they can or cannot get from class to class, but the biker/walker condition has reached a point where a resolution like this one might be the best option.

There is no way to enforce courtesy, though the rules surrounding bikers at UM require them to yield to pedestrians. Not only does this rarely happen, it is often impossible because pedestrians are so oblivious to bikers that their predicted path is anyone's guess.

The idea to move bike racks to the edge of campus would not discourage people from riding to school instead of driving, and would help eliminate cyclists using the theft-resistant properties of trees and handicap ramps to chain their steeds.

Pipinich also said that the possibility exists for groups of bike racks around campus to be monitored by video surveillance, helping alleviate the bike theft problem always rampant around campus. In fact, a rarely used, video-monitored "bike hub" already exists on campus in the parking structure next to the library.

Accidents involving cyclists are almost never the sole fault of the person pedaling, just as a pedestrian is rarely free from blame when they are struck by a car. But the fact of the matter is that the car and the bike are both bound to yield.

Bikers are not to blame for cow trails across campus; the student body in a hurry is responsible. Nor can bikers be blamed for every bonehead student that has stepped in front of their wheel without looking. But bikers are held responsible for these things because they are visible, and they tend to ride past in a blur.

A resolution in student government is extreme, but it seems a lack of courtesy is impossible to reprimand any other way. If Pipinich's resolution passes in the next few weeks it will be to the chagrin and joy of many. And if it doesn't, it should serve as a reminder to cyclists that they should mind their manners, be humbled and yield their right of way.

— Alex Strickland, Editor in Chief

ANCIENT MARINER**Woody Allen-style goodbyes**

ALEX SAKARIASSEN

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The Ancient Mariner shivers in the cold, sheepishly dragging one shoe across the front of the other. Rehearsed lines escape his mind, and verbal articulation falls victim to the raging fit of nervousness now coursing through his body. He begins to realize, glancing up at the face of the friend in front of him, that this isn't as easy as he initially thought. For the first time, the Ancient Mariner is truly too frightened to say "Goodbye."

I don't remember actually deciding to study abroad. Spending a semester of college in Scotland has always just been "the plan," and the prospect of studying history at the University of Edinburgh had me salivating. All drooling halted a few days ago, however, when I began to grasp the gravity of the situation. In three short weeks, I'll be leaving Neurotica behind in a string of tearful goodbyes.

Those two little words pose one of the greatest challenges for humanity. Perhaps it's the connotation of finality present in them, or the painful admittance that multiple lives are about to go in separate directions. Regardless, humans simply can't handle a goodbye situation in a rational manner unless the words are directed at in-laws.

For neurotics, the level of awkwardness in these situations only increases. A casual farewell to your best friend loses its style as soon as you slip on the ice in a Perkins parking lot. That peck on the cheek from your mother was innocent enough, but why did she have to do it on the Oval? And saying goodbye to your girlfriend while being patted down by a 300-pound airport security Nazi lacks the romantic edge present in all those John Cusack films. Especially when he gets too intimate with the metal-detecting wand.

When searching for role models in goodbye situations, we no doubt all aspire to be more like Humphrey Bogart. Calm and reserved, he somehow manages to



tackle the complexities of saying goodbye with a simple, "Here's looking at you, kid." Somehow, "Remember the Food Zoo" just doesn't hold the same je ne sais quoi as "We'll always have Paris." Basically, there's no graceful way for a neurotic to say goodbye. Either you're worried about leaving a good impression on those around you, or you don't feel ready to leave behind the world of comfort you've grown to love.

The most difficult goodbye of my life came on the first day of kindergarten. After years of spending mornings in the grocery store with my mom, I was suddenly thrust into a classroom of kids my own age. This early introduction to anarchy terrified me. I missed the thrill of dodging grocery carts and leaving nose smudges on the glass of the deli case.

My mom didn't seem to understand the daily horrors I bore witness to in this new world. Crayons were eaten by the box-full, hands were pasted to pieces of colored paper, and elaborate block structures were toppled by knuckle-dragging brutes. My desperation for some shard of a happier world escalated.

Caving to my frantic pleas, my mom finally consented to me taking my beloved stuffed rabbit to school. The presence of that battered childhood companion gave me hope in the face of even the greatest kindergarten tyrannies. Friendships began to form and my new world became increasingly more comfortable, despite the

constant games of "Keep-Away" to which that rabbit fell victim.

Neurotics have a hard time letting go of anything. We troubled souls adopt an unhealthy tendency to dwell on the worst in any situation. No matter what the payoffs are, the drawbacks and sacrifices will always take center stage. When it comes to abandoning familiar ground for an extended period of time, those sacrifices are none too few.

Maybe that's why we find it so hard to say goodbye to our friends, our significant others, and our families. Life doesn't come with a remote control. We can't just hit pause and come back to the same world we left behind.

Change occurs hourly. So the fact that I'm scared shitless about saying goodbye to my life for six months doesn't surprise me. I just wish I had some tact with goodbyes, but I'm more a Woody Allen than a Humphrey Bogart.

Fighting to swallow the lump in his throat, the Ancient Mariner blurts out an awkward goodbye. His friend parrots the words, and the two shake hands before going their separate ways. Anxiety grips the Ancient Mariner, and his head fills with irrational fears. Will he remember everyone's name when he returns? Will anyone remember his? Did his friend notice the ketchup stain on his shirt? The Ancient Mariner feels ill-equipped for this trip to the distant land of Euro-Neurotica, and hugs his albatross tighter for security.



Letters to the editor

Campus bike ban resolution

Hello, my name is Jake Pipinich and I am one of your ASUM senators. I have recently authored a

resolution that would urge the administration to prohibit the use of bikes on campus. The resolution is the result of numerous complaints from students and safety here on campus. My reasoning stems from what I have seen as a general disregard for safety on the part of some bikers. I'm out of shape, but I can still make it from one side of campus to the other in 7 minutes. We simply do not need people zipping through campus on bikes. Biking

on campus has been responsible for injuries and also leaves ugly cow-trails in places people bike off of the pavement. Bikes are not allowed on the sidewalks throughout town and I feel that the logic should be extended to our campus. I think that bike racks should be relocated to the outer perimeter of campus where people who bike to school can park their bikes until they leave. No more bikes chained to trees or wheelchair accesses (which has actually prevented

handicapped access in some cases). I understand that this issue is a big one for students on both sides, so I am cordially inviting comment. ASUM meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m., with a brief period at the beginning of the meeting for public comment. You can also personally email me at jakedudeta@gmail.com if you would like to speak to me directly. I will entertain any comments that deal with this resolution or like issues (such as people using our

benches as skateboard ramps). There is also a comment box located outside of the ASUM office that you are free to use regarding any issue. Thank you for your time.

—Jake Pipinich
Senior, political science and communication studies

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Daily Astrology

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (11-29-05)

Your assignment this year is to learn how to use your subconscious mind. Do your planning in your sleep, and wake up much more effective. You can do this. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Today is a 7 _ The game is to get as much as you can, while spending very little. You should be good at this today, so give it your full attention.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is a 6 _ Rely on a good strategist to help you get through the next few days. You'll be a lot more effective if you have a master plan.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

Today is a 6 _ There's too much work, but luckily, you're in a manic phase. Race around and do as much as you can, before this passes.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Today is a 9 _ Postpone travel and don't start new projects for a little while. You should know intuitively when the time is right. Listen for inner voices.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is a 7 _ Your discipline is required now, to keep everybody on track. The family is most important, so that comes first.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is a 6 _ Your studies take you farther and farther into unexplored territory. Amazingly, it reminds you of somewhere you've been before.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Today is a 7 _ Careful planning is how you get from not enough to too much. It's just a function of keeping track of what you're spending.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is a 7 _ You're confident, intelligent and lucky. You have a knack for making money. Start investigating new areas of interest.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Today is a 7 _ You'll do your best thinking in private. Take notes, so you don't forget.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is a 6 _ Your friends will let you in on a secret you never would have expected. Query those in the know, they're feeling generous.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Today is a 7 _ Continue to ask questions, especially about the payoff. But do it with discretion. The answer may amaze you.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is an 8 _ There's something you've been meaning to say, or send, or tell, or share. You can get the message across now.

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The loans will pay for their living expenses in Missoula.

"We knew we were going to get our money, but we knew it would be slow," Dee said.

Fanslow said that the couples' loans were stuck in "computer land" — computers that were underwater after Katrina ripped through New Orleans.

"It's just a matter of time before the computer catches up to the policy," Fanslow said. "Eventually it will be taken care of. I can't tell you when, or how, or by whom, but it will be."

Both Dee and Lee are avid skiers, and are enjoying their stay in Montana.

"It was a free semester to go anywhere," Dee said. "I've always liked it out West."

Dee said he still wants to go back to Tulane next semester to study in its specific maritime law program.

But Dee and other law students might have to go back whether they like it or not.

Fanslow said Tulane University in particular has put pressure on law schools that have accepted Katrina victims, urging them not to let students stay for the spring semester. She said that with its students scattered across the nation, Tulane was worried about its financial viability if students don't return in January.

Fanslow said three of the four students would have gone back to their old universities anyway, but one Loyola University first-year transfer would rather stay in Missoula. Fanslow said if the student did stay, it would have to be with the "express consent" of Loyola, and the University of Montana would no longer host students free of charge.

Dee said communication problems make it difficult to understand these complex situations. He has only received sporadic e-mails from Tulane.

"Tulane was hard to get any information out of originally, but the University of Montana has

been really generous," he said.

Communication has been a problem for all of the Katrina victims at UM. Calls to Loyola University are now routed to its call center in Houston.

Maxine Miller is also spending a lot of her time on the phone these days. Some of the more stressful calls are those from her landlord in New Orleans, who is still pressing Miller and her housemates to pay rent on their apartment. Their lease doesn't expire until May 2006.

Miller says the house suffered some flooding and may be contaminated with black mold, a poisonous problem many New Orleans homes are facing.

"My landlord called me and said if you don't overnight me \$1,000 I'm going to evict you," Miller said. "I can't very well just hop on a plane and go down there."

Miller also spends time calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency to inquire about housing assistance to help pay her rent.

"I've been calling FEMA a lot,

and since they're so busy, there's not always someone to talk to," she said.

Miller finally got in touch with FEMA two weeks ago, and they agreed to send an inspector to her apartment to determine if it is in livable condition. Depending on the inspector's assessment, Miller may be eligible to receive federal housing aid.

Miller was told the assessment would be finished by last Friday, but she's still waiting to hear from FEMA.

Miller said her calls to Tulane are equally frustrating, because she always talks to different people. Getting information from the UM financial aid department is also difficult, she said, because Mick Hanson is often away for meetings across the country.

Miller said she understands that this is a new situation for everyone, but she still wants some advice.

"Basically I want someone to tell me what to do and how to fix the problem," she said. "It's not something I can solve in a day ... I keep being told different things."

Some of Miller's friends returned to New Orleans to assess the damage. They told her that with no shops open, nightly curfews and tanks rolling down the streets, the place looks more like a war zone than the vibrant city it used to be.

Miller has received a letter from Tulane's president Scott Cowen urging all students to return for the university's re-opening in January, to restore a sense of normalcy to Tulane and New Orleans.

Although she admits being apprehensive, Miller said she would return to Tulane in January, and is looking forward to it.

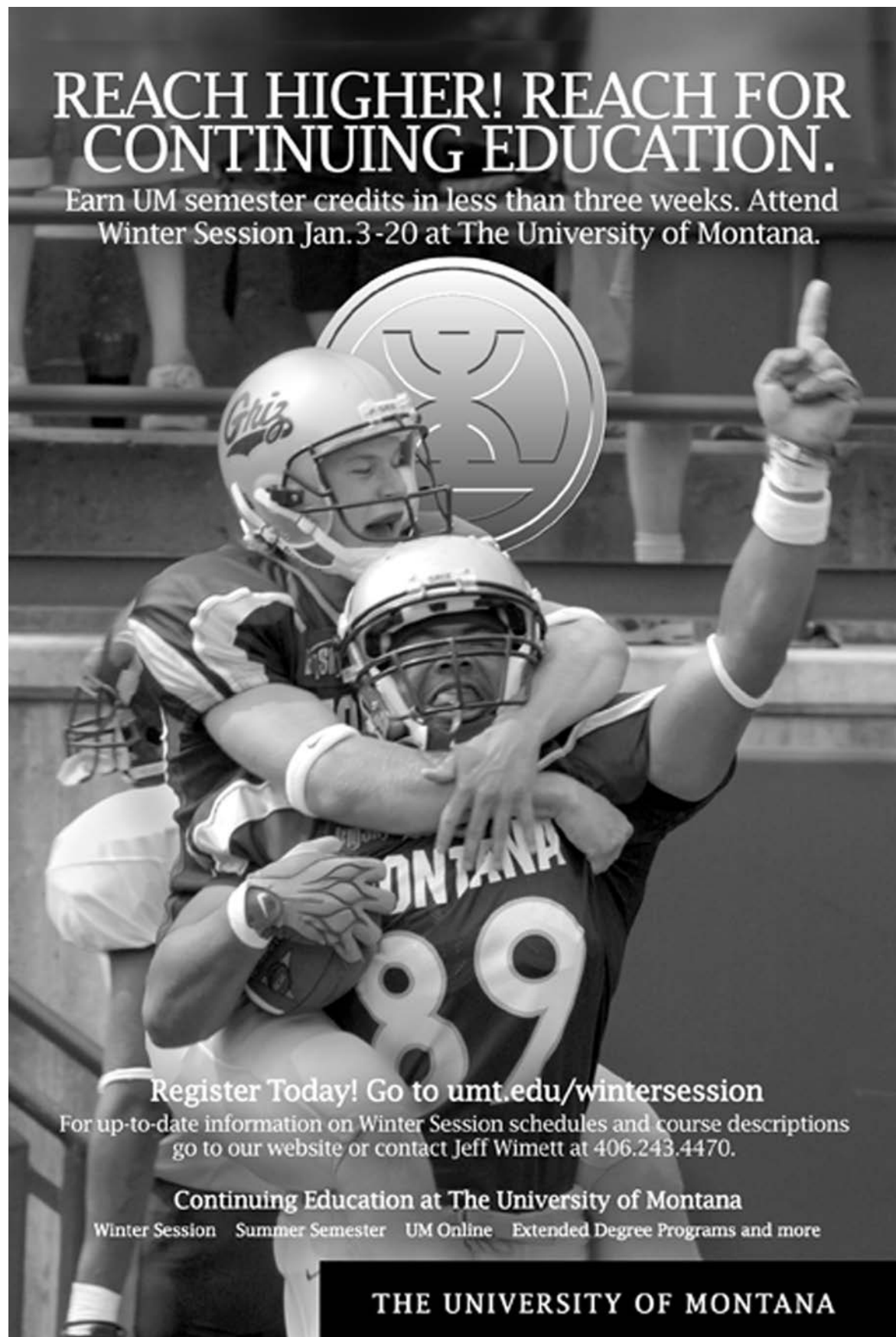
"It's not going to be what it was," Miller said. "It will have a completely different atmosphere. But my friends and I are excited to help out in any way that we can."

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DANIEL PERSON
MONTANA KAIMIN

Delays in the construction of buildings across campus, if any, will result from changes in building plans and not a shortage of funds, according to University of Montana administrators.

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being "very strict about the energy systems that we are going to install in these buildings."

At November's Board of Regents meeting, UM President George Dennison said modifications of building plans were being made in order to build up the University's contingency fund, a fund that will be dipped into if the state of Montana takes back money it gave the University based on enrollment projections that were not met.

The savings will not come at direct expense to the pace of the construction, as previously reported by the Kaimin.

Duringer said the new requirements would ensure that new buildings on campus — the Skaggs addition, Don Anderson Hall and the Interdisciplinary Science Building — are more energy efficient and less needy of maintenance.

He said these new requirements would allow for money to be saved for the contingency fund, but that these changes should not cause a delay in construction.

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Cal Poly eliminates Griz in first playoff round; UM season over



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Linebacker Loren Utterback goes head over heels while trying to sack Cal Poly's quarterback Matt Brennan during Saturday's first round Division I-AA football playoffs at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

TIM DAILEY

KAIMIN SPORTS

The Big Sky Conference should consider giving its championship trophy to the Cal Poly Mustangs for beating five of its teams this season.

Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, the Mustangs, who also beat Eastern Washington, Montana State, Sacramento State and Idaho State this season, derailed Montana's hopes of a return trip to the national champi-

onship with a 35-21 win in the first round of the I-AA playoffs.

Just as it had done in all the teams' previous nine meetings, Montana beat Cal Poly 36-27 on Oct. 22. But the Mustangs got their first-ever win over the Griz when it mattered most.

There was much speculation that the two teams would meet in the first round of last year's playoffs, but Cal Poly was snubbed by the 2004 selection committee.

"It's huge for our program," Cal Poly head coach Ron Ellerson said. "It also validates a

lot of people who were beating our drum saying 'those guys belong.' [Montana] is West Coast I-AA football. They're the standard-bearer. Everybody else measures themselves against that standard and we measured up."

The Mustangs' option offense, led by freshmen quarterback Matt Brennan and running back James Noble, measured up to the Griz defense, which had been brilliant against the run all season.

The Mustangs gutted the UM defense inside and out for 293 yards on the ground. Noble led the

stampede with 188 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

"I am so happy to have a running back like James in the backfield," Brennan said. "It makes my job that much easier."

Brennan, who has been starting in place of senior quarterback Anthony Garnett since Garnett was injured at the end of the first Montana game, added 59 yards with his feet. He didn't have to throw much, but efficiently completed half his 16 passes for 130 yards and the other score.

"Their offense has not changed," UM Head Coach Bobby Hauck said. "In fact, he may be a bit faster than the guy he replaced. I thought the fullback was the difference in the game."

In addition to lead blocking for Brennan and Noble, senior fullback Adam George rumbled for 53 rushing yards picking up critical first downs along the way.

In the last meeting, it was the Griz that rushed for almost 300 yards. Junior running back Lex Hilliard's career-high 237 yards set up his teammates with several scoring opportunities.

"He's a special guy," Ellerson said. "I don't know that you come into it thinking you're going to shut that down. You try to manage it."

This time Hilliard had 160 total yards and scored all three Griz touchdowns. The Mustangs may not have managed Hilliard's output, but managed to control the rest of UM's offense.

It was not entirely smooth sailing for Cal Poly.

Midway through the second quarter Hilliard outran the

Mustangs down the left sideline for an 18-yard touchdown run putting the Griz on top, 14-7.

The Montana defense then forced a Cal Poly punt. On the Griz's first play from scrimmage, UM senior running back JR Waller had the football stripped by Mustang senior defensive end Matt Chachere and Cal Poly recovered it on UM's 14-yard line.

"That was one of our opportunities where we were pumped," said junior linebacker Kyle Shotwell, who led his unit with 11 tackles. "Whenever there is adversity that's when we can really change the momentum."

Two plays later Noble quickly squared the match with his second touchdown run.

On the Mustangs' next possession, Brennan got things going with freshman receiver Ramses Barden catching two passes for 63 yards. The second reception was a 38-yard deep ball that the 6-foot-6-inch Barden caught over sophomore cornerback Jimmy Wilson in the end zone.

Barden's catch put Cal Poly up 21-14 before the half and left the Grizzlies playing catch up for the duration of the ballgame.

UM redshirt-freshman quarterback Cole Bergquist was under duress for most of the game and was sacked a season-high seven times. Senior defensive end Chris Gocong, a Buchanan-finalist, led the Mustangs with three sacks.

However, with 6:47 left in the third quarter, trailing Cal Poly 28-14, Montana finally burned the Cal Poly blitz.

Bergquist hit Hilliard with a shovel pass and Hilliard, who was

already past the first wave of defenders, turned and outran the rest of the defense for a 66-yard touchdown.

"It was a big play in the game and could have been huge if we could have come back and won," Hauck said.

But Montana couldn't pull off the comeback.

UM's best opportunity came in the fourth quarter when the offense drove the ball to Cal Poly's 31-yard line. On third down Bergquist lofted a pass toward sophomore receiver Eric Allen in the end zone, but Allen couldn't come down with it. The drive ended when sophomore kicker Dan Carpenter came up just short on a 49-yard field goal attempt. Noble abruptly turned out the lights on the Griz's season when he broke a 35-yard touchdown run on the ensuing possession.

Cal Poly will travel to take on Texas State in the quarterfinals.

"They're set up to make a good run in this tournament," UM senior linebacker Shane MacIntyre said. "We'll sit back and watch to see how far they can go."

MacIntyre had 10 tackles and a fumble recovery in his final collegiate game. Fellow senior defensive end Lance Spencer led the Griz with 11 tackles.

"For 14 of us, we just put on the helmet and the colors for the last time," MacIntyre said. "We had a lot of great memories. It's gonna be tough for us to go, but that's how it goes. That's life."

Montana ends its season 5-2 in the Big Sky Conference, co-conference champions and 8-4 overall.

Volleyball coach Best won't return next year; replacement to be named

DANNY DAVIS

KAIMIN SPORTS

The UM volleyball team isn't just missing the Big Sky Conference tournament for a fifth consecutive season, it is also going in a different direction with its personnel.

UM announced last week that the services of head coach Nikki Best and her husband Dave, who served as assistant head coach, will not be retained for next season.

Nikki was 57-99 overall and 20-66 in Big Sky Conference play in her six years at Montana.

UM started off the 2005 season well, coasting to a 10-4 record in non-conference play. However, the Griz struggled in conference play and a four-game loss to Idaho State ending the regular season dashed their tournament hopes for the fifth straight year. Montana finished the year with a 14-15 overall record and a 3-11 mark in conference play.

Nikki missed the second half of

the season after she gave birth to the couple's first child in October.

In addition to the Bests, UM needs to replace setter Diana Thompson and middle blocker Audrey Jensen who were both seniors. Montana has 12 players on its current roster that are eligible to return and recently announced the signings of two recruits from California.

Assistant coach Allison Weston will serve as interim head coach until a new head coach is named; an announcement UM hopes to make by July 1, 2006.

"The whole shake-up of a coaching staff hits pretty close to the heart but I think when you look at it professionally we are ready to move on," Weston said.

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Grizzlies and Wolverines to bare teeth tonight

DANNY DAVIS
KAIMIN SPORTS

With a significant showdown against Stanford on the horizon, the University of Montana basketball team will look to fine tune its skills tonight against Utah Valley State.

Montana is 2-1 in the young season and spent Thanksgiving week feasting on the Wolves of Western Oregon in a Tuesday night 86-57 shellacking.

In addition to UM's 29-point victory over WOU, the Griz also beat Loyola Marymount and dropped its season-opener to Boise State.

"We have to keep getting better," UM head coach Larry Krystkowiak said. "I think we are in those early stages where some roles are still being developed but I like how our kids come to practice and want to get better."

UM senior guard Kevin Criswell has been key in both UM victories. Criswell scorched Loyola Marymount for 24 points and then tallied 17 points and five rebounds against WOU. For his efforts, Criswell was named the Big Sky Conference co-player of the week, sharing the honor this week with DaShawn Freeman of Sacramento State.

Criswell hasn't been the only Griz that has been nothing but net as the sophomore tandem of Andrew Strait and Matt Martin is combining for 28 points a game. As a team, Montana leads the Big Sky Conference in field goal percentage (.509) and is second in the conference in scoring with 78.7 points a game.

However, UM's offense still has much to improve on, as its 19.7 turnovers per game is the second-worst total in the conference.

"Turnovers kinda have been a problem but it's early in the year and we are still getting our chemistry together," Martin said. "We've just got to go out there and try not to worry about it because when you start to worry about it you start to get more of them."

UM is also letting its opponents score 74 points per game, which is also the second-worst output in the conference, trailing only Portland State's 75 ppg.

Montana will hope to have its high-octane offense running and its turnovers in check when it battles Stanford on Friday night. The Cardinal squad was ranked No. 13 in the pre-season Associated Press poll but was upset in their season-opener by UC Irvine and is 2-1 on the season. UM dropped an 84-66 decision to Stanford last year.

Before Montana can worry about Stanford, however, they are going to have to get past Utah Valley.

"You can't lose focus of the game you've got before that," Martin said. "Everybody is talking about Stanford-this and Stanford-that but we've got a good basketball team coming in here with Utah Valley."

The Wolverines roll into Missoula with a 2-3 record and are in the midst of a 10-day stretch in which they play four Big Sky teams.

UVS is coming off a 72-56 loss to Idaho State last week and after tonight's scuffle



Elena Fikhman/Montana Kaimin

Junior guard Bryan Ellis dribbles the ball past sophomore guard Matt Martin and junior forward Matt Dlouhy during practice in Dahlberg Arena Monday afternoon.

with Montana will host Sacramento State on Saturday and Weber State on Dec. 6.

While the Wolverines have been around the Big Sky block, UM doesn't expect to use their performance against UVS as a conference crystal ball.

"It can get you a little bit of implication but it's hard to say," said Krystkowiak, adding that he wouldn't want UM judged by the play of Boise State, who beat UM 90-69 on Nov. 18 but lost to Weber 66-61 three days later.

UVS went 23-5 last year in its first season playing Division I basketball but lost three starters and 10 lettermen. The Wolverines' roster this season boasts 10 newcomers, none of which, however, are freshmen. Junior forward Matt Peterson leads the Wolverines with 14.4 points a game.

Tip-off between the Griz and Wolverines is at 7:05 p.m. tonight at Dahlberg Arena.

Lady Griz raid Wright State, fall to Florida

SARAH SWAN
KAIMIN SPORTS

Instead of eating Thanksgiving leftovers or shopping for Christmas deals during the holiday week, the University of Montana Lady Griz basketball team jetted to Tallahassee, Fla.

There, the Lady Griz defeated the Wright State Raiders 57-47 on

the opening night of the Florida State tournament.

Senior guard Katie Edwards led the way with 24 points and five rebounds. Edwards was the only Lady Griz player to reach double figures in scoring.

Sophomore guard Dana Conway added eight points and sophomore Johanna Closson, a forward, contributed seven points,

eight rebounds and three blocks.

The win against the Raiders advanced the Lady Griz to the tournament championship against the host Florida State Seminoles on Sunday afternoon.

Despite a tough fight, the Lady Griz fell to the Seminoles 69-56 for their first loss of the season.

The first 15 minutes of the game were a struggle for the Lady Griz,

who fell more than 15 points behind FSU in the first half.

After falling behind, Montana fought back and managed to pull within seven points in a matter of three minutes.

Even with a strong comeback, the Lady Griz were unable to catch up to the aggressive Seminoles.

Conway led UM with a career-

high 18 points. Closson and Edwards added 12 and 11 points respectively to the board.

Senior forward Jody McLeod, junior forward Sara Gale and Conway all had six rebounds for Montana.


The Lady Griz now stand at 3-1 for the season. They hit the road again this Friday where they will face Wyoming at 7 p.m.

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UM hired a consultant who said these rooms would work, but some of the equipment will have to be updated, Muir said.

Dennison said in his state of the University speech at the beginning of the school year that he'd like to create a speech pathology and audiology program.

"That was a surprise to some people," Muir said.

The major issue with getting the program off the ground will be resources, Muir said.

The current estimate is that it will cost \$500,000 to get a graduate speech pathology program going, she said.

Muir worries those students who graduate from the program will be hired out of state for better salaries.

Montana is ranked 48th nationwide for speech pathologist salaries, McKamey said.

Currently MSHA is only pushing for a speech pathology program, although it would eventually like to see an audiology program, she said.

"It's the audiology equipment that's expensive," McKamey said. "Our audiologists thought that was one of the reasons the program was closed."

After the speech pathology pro-

gram gets going, MSHA will work on adding an audiology component, McKamey said.

MSHA would also like to see a pre-audiology program at the University of Montana, she said.

"It would be like a pre-med

degree," she said.

UM already offers all the pre-med classes that a pre-audiology student would need to take, she said.

The University will also work on phasing in a doctorate level

speech pathology program, Muir said.

While McKamey remains hopeful about the program, it won't get the funding until 2008 at the earliest due to the UM budget schedule.



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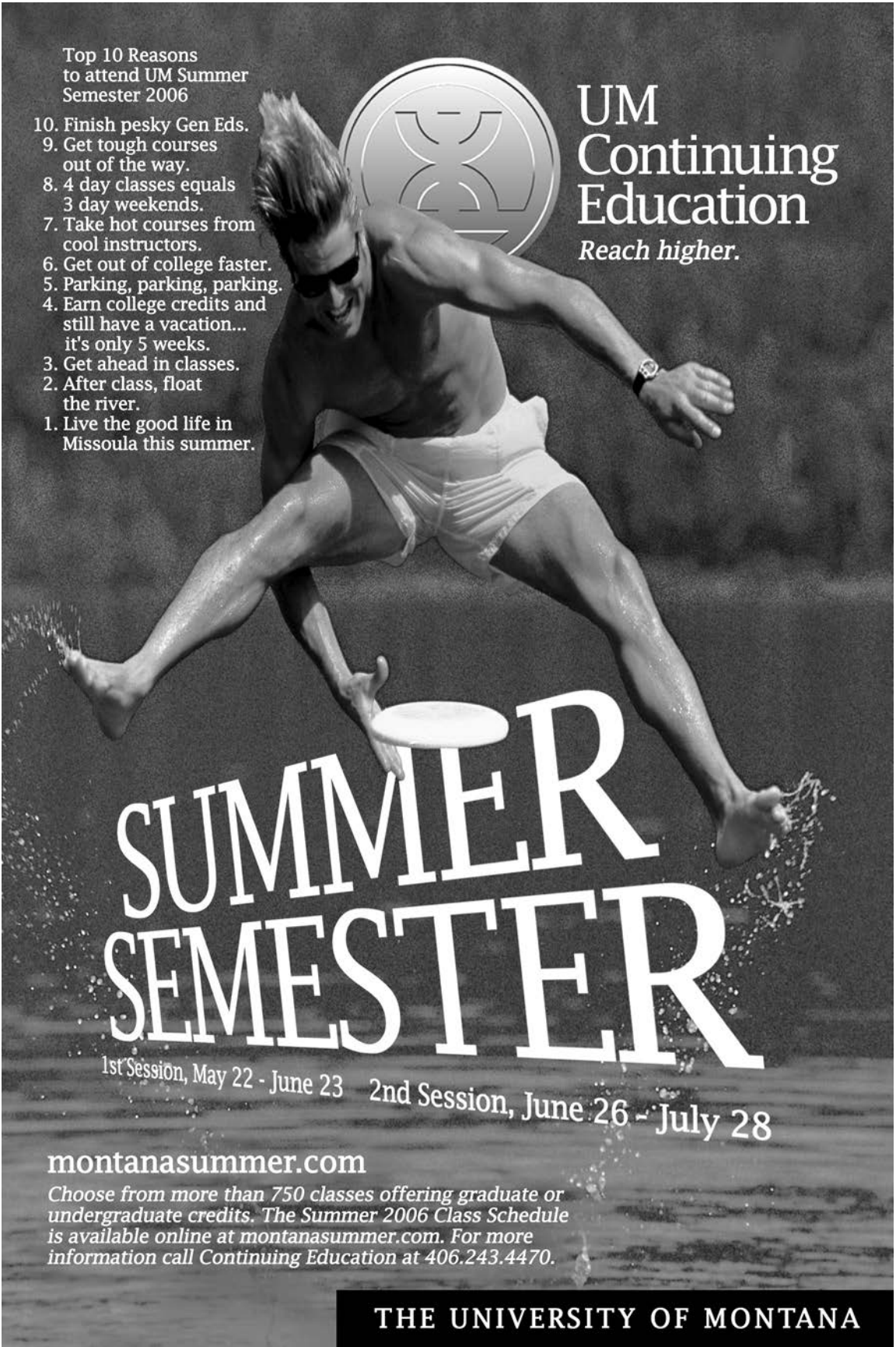
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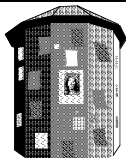
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